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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA: TREATMENT IN THE USSR FOR
RONALD STRINGER (CONGRESSMAN YOUNG INTEREST)

1. ON APRIL 27 EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE FROM MFA INDICATING
THAT RONALD STRINGER AND HIS PARENTS CAN TRAVEL TO THE
USSR IN APRIL OR MAY TO BE TREATED FOR RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA
AT THE HELM'HOLTZ INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW. INFORMAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS PARA 3 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED
TO EUR/SOV FOR HUGHES, REGISTRY NO. 952800.

2. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN TO THE STRINGERS,
EMBASSY CONTACTED MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO INQUIRE
WHETHER STRINGERS COULD COME AT SOME LATER TIME IF THEY
ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE PREPARATIONS IN TIME TO TRAVEL TO
USSR IN MAY. ON APRIL 28 MOH REP INDICATED THAT STRINGERS
COULD ALSO BE ACCEPTED FOR TREATMENT AT THE HELM'HOLTZ
INSTITUTE IN THE SECOND HALF OF JUNE OR IN SEPTEMBER.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, REFERRING TO THE LETTER OF THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH OF THE USSR OF FEBRUARY 27, 1978, WITH A REQUEST
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FOR TREATMENT OF THE CHILD RONALD STRINGER, STATES THAT
THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY
SPECIALISTS OF THE HELMHOLTZ RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF EYE
DISEASE IN MOSCOW, THE RSFSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

ACCORDING TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIALISTS, THE
PATIENT MAY BE GIVEN A RETURN CONSULTATION AT THIS

INSTITUTE AND, AS INDICATED, HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH DOES NOT OBJECT TO PROVIDING THE PATIENT A CONSULTATION AND AS INDICATED, HOSPITAL TREATMENT AT THE INSTITUTE IN APRIL-MAY 1978, FREE OF CHARGE ON A GENERAL BASIS.

THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH CANNOT TAKE UPON ITSELF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH THE TRIP OF THE PATIENT AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS IN EITHER DIRECTION, THEIR STAY IN THE USSR, AND ALSO ON MEETING, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, SERVICES OF AN INTERPRETER AND OTHERS.

UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW THE PATIENT SHOULD ARRANGE FOR CONSULTATIONS AT THE USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AT THE ADDRESS: MOSCOW, RAKHMANOVSKIY PER., 3, ROOM 528, TEL: 225-26-78.

MOSCOW, APRIL 26, 1978.

4. DEPT PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN YOUNG, WHO HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR DIRECTLY ABOUT THE STRINGERS. SCICOUNS IS ALSO SENDING LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN YOUNG ON THIS MATTER. TOON

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